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(U) San Jose – More than 700 People Cited in SideShows over Weekend

(U) San Jose Police Department cited more than 700 people who gathered over the weekend to watch and perform car stunts at San Jose intersections. In a large and coordinated effort, officers detained and cited 500 people at a single intersection after blocking the cars from leaving. Officers impounded 19 cars and issued hundreds of tickets that can cost up to \$1,000 and called the parents of 82 minors who were present. The department says it also recovered a ghost gun and two stolen vehicles and it's investigating a possible carjacking.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [ABC 10](#)

(U) Santa Ana – Man Pleads Guilty for Stealing Nearly \$5.5M in COVID-19 Relief and Drug Trafficking

(U) A Los Angeles man pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking and fraud charges, admitting, among other things, that he fraudulently obtained nearly \$5.5 million in COVID-related jobless benefits by using the identities of California state prison inmates and other third parties. From May 2020 to March 2021, the man and his co-conspirators submitted approximately 459 fraudulent unemployment insurance claims to the California Employment Development Department, using the personal identifiable information of California state prison inmates and other people received the inmates' information from various sources, including by purchasing PII from the dark web.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Tulare – Multi-Agency Operation Leads to 46 Arrests in Two days

(U) Last week, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office TAGNET Unit organized a multi-agency operation due to an increase in gang violence in and around Tulare County. The Visalia Police Department, Dinuba Police Department, Woodlake Police Department, Farmersville Police Department, Exeter Police Department, Lindsay Police, Porterville Police Department, Tulare Police Department, Tulare County Probation and TRATT all participated in the operation, which covered the entire county and all the county's cities. As a result, 46 suspects were arrested, 57 arrest warrants were served, and five guns and 13 pounds of illegal drugs were seized during the two-day operation. The focus of the operation was to conduct probation and parole compliance checks, and arrest known gang members.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [The Porterville Recorder](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Dozens of HBCU Threats Linked to One Juvenile

(U) Washington – The bulk of the threats leveled against historically Black colleges earlier this year are believed to be linked to a single juvenile who has been prosecuted as a minor by state authorities. Federal investigators initially identified "several minors" as possibly associated with the threats, which prompted a wide-ranging inquiry involving at least 30 of the FBI's 56 field offices, but later linked the communications to one person. The senior official said an investigation is continuing into two separate threat streams: one involving 19 racially motivated communications between February and March that

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have since been linked to Internet addresses abroad. Another set of threats, involving about 250 schools and have no racial component, have been tracked since June.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [USA Today](#)

((U) District of Columbia – Russian Hackers Claim Cyber Attack on FBI Website

(U) Washington – Pro-Russian hackers claimed responsibility for what they said was an attack on a section of the FBI's website, the newest addition to a recent string of purported attacks on US government websites from Russian-aligned hackers. The hacking group Killnet shared a post on its Telegram page on Monday flagging an "attack" on the law enforcement resources site for the FBI. The message included a photo of what looked to be a failed attempt to enter the FBI site. The cybersecurity company Better Cyber said that the affected FBI page was not reachable and shared a screenshot that appeared to show the site's web address being maliciously redirected

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [Newsweek](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Police Charge Hydro-Québec Employee with Spying

(U) Toronto – Canadian police charged a Hydro-Québec employee yesterday with espionage for allegedly sending trade secrets to China. From February 2018 to October 2022, the employee allegedly used his position as researcher who worked on battery materials with the Center of Excellence in Transportation Electrification and Energy Storage to conduct research for a Chinese university and other Chinese research centers and reportedly published scientific articles and submitted patents in association the foreign actor.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Maldives – 14 Arrested for Alleged Islamic State-Tied Bomb Plot

(U) Male – Police in Maldives have arrested 14 people allegedly working with foreign Islamic extremists to carry out a bombing in the tiny archipelago state, police said. The suspects had been working with the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham and apparently planning an attack with the intent of killing many people. The suspects were arrested last Friday in three locations in the country and 13 homes were raided.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Turkey – Syrian Detained as Suspect in Deadly Istanbul Bombing

(U) Istanbul – Turkish police said yesterday they have detained a Syrian woman with suspected links to Kurdish militants and that she confessed to planting a bomb that exploded on a bustling pedestrian avenue in Istanbul, killing six people and wounding several dozen others. Police said the suspect told them during her interrogation that she had been trained as a "special intelligence officer" by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, as well as the Syrian Kurdish group the Democratic Union Party and its armed wing. She allegedly entered Turkey illegally through the Syrian border town of Afrin. Kurdish militants strongly denied any links to the bombing.

SOURCE: 14 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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